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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/564,700	Applicant(s) FASSIAU ET AL.	
	Examiner FRANCES TISCHLER	Art Unit 1796	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 18-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 18-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 27-29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment filed 12/28/09. Claims 11 and 22 have been amended. Claim 17 is cancelled. Claims 27 - 29 have been added. Claims 11 - 16 and 18 - 29 are now pending.

All outstanding objections and rejections, except for those maintained below, are withdrawn in light of applicant's amendment filed on 12/28/09.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 11, 12, 16 and 19 - 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vandenhende et al (US 2003/0119925).

The rejection is maintained as per reasons of record as stated in the previous office action of 9/28/09.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 13 - 15, 18, 24 - 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vandenhende et al (US 2003/0119925).

The rejection stands as per reasons of record as stated in the previous office action of 9/28/09.

Claim 18 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vandenhende et al (US 2003/0119925) in view of Rosano (US 4,146,499).

The rejection stands as per reasons of record as stated in the previous office action of 9/28/09.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27 – 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's amendment which uses "consisting essentially of" language differentiates from the closest prior art of Vandenhende et al (US2003/0119925) since although Vandenhende teaches all the limitations of the instant application, he continues the process with a looping of the moiety which then results in the phase separation agent being present during the solvent phase, phase inversion phase and precipitation phase. Applicant shows unexpected results of improved ASG/Dav ratio when the phase separation agent is not present during said phase inversion.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/28/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments have been considered and adequately responded to in the previous office action of 9/28/09.

It is noted that since new claim 27 uses "consisting essentially of" language to overcome the prior art regarding the phase separation agent not being present during

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phase inversion, depended claim 29 does not need the same closed language since there is no reason why additional steps to shredding cannot take place, such as cleaning the article before the steps of claim 27.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **FRANCES TISCHLER** whose telephone number is (571)270-5458. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 5:00 PM; off every other Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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